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THE DIRECTOR

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The Honorable Carolyn Maloney
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Maloney:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and specifically, the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP). I appreciate the time you took to share your views and your interest in the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Budget.

With the recent release of President Trump's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, the President has demonstrated his commitment toward achieving major goals such as rebuilding our military, sustained 3 percent economic growth, deregulation, and ensuring American families keep more of their hard-earned money through tax reform. This Budget delivers on key promises made to the American people by focusing on four main priorities: the safety and security of the American people, continuing to build an even stronger and robust American economy, an enhanced quality of life for hardworking Americans, and a commitment to a better future.

The President and his Administration respect and honor the brave first responders and survivors of the September 11th terrorist attacks. We are fully committed to ensuring they continue to receive the necessary medical monitoring and treatment for their health effects as a result of their sacrifice and service. In honor of this commitment, the Administration proposes full mandatory funding for the Federal share of the WTCHP within CDC in the Budget. While the WTCHP is currently administered by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), which the Budget proposes to consolidate within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Budget envisions the WTCHP will continue all operational and programmatic functions within CDC without any service disruption to first responders and survivors.

NIOSH is primarily a research agency focused on occupational safety and health, and not focused on delivering health services. The Budget proposes to consolidate certain NIOSH research activities within NIH to improve the coordination of research across the Federal Government. Within CDC, the WTCHP will continue to provide medical monitoring and treatment for responders at the WTC and related sites in New York City, Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA, and survivors who were in the NYC disaster area. The WTCHP aligns with CDC's mission to protect America from health, safety, and security threats, both foreign and in the United States.

I look forward to working with you, your colleagues in both the House and Senate, and stakeholders throughout the Budget process to ensure the WTCHP continues to provide high-quality, compassionate care for the first responders and survivors. Thank you again for your letter. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact the Office of Legislative Affairs at LegislativeAffairs@omb.eop.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Mulvaney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mick Mulvaney
Director

Identical Letter Sent to The Honorable Jerrold Nadler and The Honorable Peter King